

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 32 were pending in this application. Claims 4, 19, 23-31 and 33 are now cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute their subject matter in the present application and in related applications. New claims 34 and 35 are added. Claims 1, 7-9, 18, 20-22 and 32 are currently amended without any intent of disclaiming equivalents thereof. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-18, 20-22, 32, 34 and 35 are pending and presented for consideration.

Claim amendments

Support for the claim amendments can be found in the specification, including the claims as originally filed. Support for the amendment to claims 1 and 18 is found in original claim 4 and in the specification at least, for example, in paragraphs 31, 44, 45, 52, 53 and 70, and in Figure 1. Support for the amendment to claims 9 and 18 is found in the specification at least, for example, in paragraph 33. Further support for the amendment to claims 18 and 20-22 is found in the specification at least, for example, in paragraph 14. Claims 1, 7-9, 18 and 32 have also been amended for clarification.

Support for new claim 34 is found in the specification at least, for example, in paragraph 53. Support for new claim 35 is found in the specification at least, for example, in paragraph 54.

Applicants submit the amendments to the claims introduce no new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for forwarding to the Applicants copies of the initialed, signed and dated PTO-1449 forms originally submitted to the Office on December 18, 2001, and on September 12, 2002. However, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner also consider the art cited in the PTO-1449 form originally submitted to the Office on February 15, 2002, and confirm this by initialing, signing and dating the PTO-1449 form. For convenience, Applicants enclose copies of the February 15, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, Certificate of First Class Mailing, and a return receipt postcard. Applicants have not resubmitted a copy of the art cited on the February 15, 2002 PTO-1449 form